



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Tulare, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Tulare was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Tulare (population 52,000) is located in the San Joaquin Valley in central California. One third of the city's residents are employed by farm or agricultural services. The area has an unemployment rate of 18.5 percent, and 20.7 percent of residents live below the poverty level. These statistics reinforce the need for redevelopment and job creation activities in the city and region as a whole. When the Cartmill Avenue property is cleaned up, the city plans to reuse it for street and interchange improvements to facilitate redevelopment of a large commercial and retail development. Redevelopment is expected to create jobs and increase tax revenue for the city.



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Tulare for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the one-acre Moore Aviation property on 596 Cartmill Avenue, the site of a former storage facility for an agricultural crop dusting operation. The site is contaminated with numerous pesticides and metals. Grant funds will be used to excavate and dispose of the contamination, conduct cleanup planning and oversight, and support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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